

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

ABSTRACT

Revenue (Endowments Department) - Sri Baba Balakdas Mutt, Dhoolpet, Hyderabad - Recognition of Sri Sonu Das as successor Mathadhipathi - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (ENDOWMENT-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 43

Dated: 11-02-2020

Read the following :-

1. Orders, Dated:29.11.2018 of Hon'ble High Court, Hyderabad, in W.P No.43413 of 2018 filed by Mahanth Sonu Das.
2. Govt., Memo. No. 28455/Endt.II(A1)/2018 Dt:09.01.2019.
3. From the Commissioner Endowments Department, Letter in Rc.No.F1/15052/2018, Dated:13.06.2019.

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ORDER:

In the letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above, the Commissioner Endowments Department, Hyderabad has reported that Sri Dwaraka Prasad, Mathadhipathi, Sri Baba Balakdas Mutt, Dhoolpet, Hyderabad was expired on 05.06.2009, when he was alive, he was nominated Sri Sonu Das as his successor, but the same could not be intimated to the Dharmika Parishad within (90) days as stipulated in terms of section 54 of Telangana Charitable and Hindu Religious Institutions and Endowments Act, 1987. Hence, the said nomination was not recognized by the Dharmika Parishad. Further, Sri Sonu Das has submitted representation, Dated:27.02.2017 stating that when Sri Dwaraka Prasad was alive he executed a will deed declaring Sri Sonu Das as successor of the math and requested to recognize him as mathadhipathi.

2. The Hon'ble High Court, Hyderabad in its orders, Dt:29.11.2018 in W.P No.43413 of 2018 filed by Mahanth Sonu Das has passed the following order:

*"Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, the writ petition is disposed of directing the respondent-authorities to deal with the application dated:20.06.2017, submitted by the petitioner under Section 53 of the Act, seeking to recognize the petitioner as "Mathadhipathi" of Baba Balakdas Mutt, Dhoolpet. Hyderabad and pass appropriate orders, in accordance with law as early as possible after giving reasonable opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and all concerned".*

3. Sections 53 and 54 of the Telangana Charitable and Hindu Religious institutions and Endowment Act,1987(ActNo.30 of 1987) is extracted here with :-

*53. Filling of permanent vacancies in the office of mathadhipathi,(1) where a permanent vacancy occurs in the mathadhipathi, by reason of death or resignation or an account of his removal under section 51 or otherwise the person next entitled to succeed, according to the rule of succession laid down by the founder, or where no such rule is laid down, according to the usage or custom of the math, or where no such usage or custom exists according to the usage law of succession ,for the time being in force, shall with the permission of the Dharmika Parishad succeed to the office of the Mathadhipathi.*

*(2) A person for succession to the office of the mathadhipathi under sub-section (1) shall possess the following qualifications namely :-*

- (a) basic knowledge of the Hindu Religion and philosophy;*
- (b) knowledge of the relevant scriptures and sampradaya to which the math belongs;*
- (c) capacity to impart the knowledge and preach the tenets of the math to the disciples;*
- (d) religious temperament with implicit faith in discipline and practice;*
- and*
- (e) unquestionable moral character.*

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54. *Nomination of mathadhipathi. (1) Subject to the provisions of section 53, a mathadhipathi may nominate his successor. The fact of such nomination shall be intimated to the Dharmika Parishad, within ninety days of such nomination and the Dharmika Parishad may recognize such nomination . A nomination shall not be complete unless it is recognized by the Dharmika Parishad. The conditions for recognition shall be such as may be prescribed.*

*(2) Where a Mathadhipathi fails to nominate his successor under sub-section (1) or where there is no mathadhipathi, the Commissioner or any officer authorized by it shall after due publication convene a meeting with the mathadhipathis of other maths of the same sampradayam and disciples of the math and recognize the person nominated in such meetings as a mathadhipathi subject to the provisions of this Act. The procedure for convening the meeting and method of publication shall be such as may be prescribed.*

4. In the instant case, Sri Dwaraka Prasad, Mathadhipathi of Baba Balakdas Mutt, Dhoolpet, was nominated Sri Sonu Das as his successor of the math in the year 2005, but not intimated to the Darmika Parishad within (90) days in terms of section 54(1), hence, the said nomination has not been recognized and incomplete. Sri Sonu Das, while bringing will deed of Sri Dwaraka Prasad and orders of the High Court to the notice of Government has requested to recognize him as mathadhipathi under section 53 of the Act.

5. Government, after careful consideration as above, recognise the nomination of Sri Sonu Das as successor Matadhipathy of Baba Balakdas Mutt, Dhoolpet, Hyderabad in terms of the provisions contained in Section 53 of the Act.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

V. ANIL KUMAR  
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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